

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING KERRY W. KIRCHER

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI and I rise today to commend Kerry W. Kircher for his service and dedication to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Kircher is retiring as House Counsel, after serving more than two decades in the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Kircher first served as an Assistant General Counsel, then as Deputy General Counsel, and finally—over the last five years—as the General Counsel. Throughout his time, Kerry served five Speakers of the House, including each of us. During his service, Kerry zealously defended the rights and prerogatives of this institution and for this we are grateful.

We wish Kerry well in his future endeavors and thank him for his service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE
REDUCTION ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5046) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to assist State and local governments in addressing the national epidemic of opioid abuse, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5046, the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act.

Addiction affects people from all walks of life. It is not confined to people of certain races, classes, and ages. Its broad reach is perhaps what makes it so terrifying.

Prescription drug abuse and alarming increases in heroin abuse have gripped our country and it is past time for it to grip the attention of the Congress.

I was proud to vote for many great bills this week to improve the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, particularly opioid abuse.

While all of these bills, including the one before us today, address many aspects of this complex issue, we need to be honest and admit that in order to truly address this problem, we have to invest funding in it.

There are already many programs in place that are successful in preventing and treating substance abuse, but they are underfunded. We need to change that.

As we embark on the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations process, I urge my colleagues to keep this mind.

Substance abuse destroys families, friendships, our communities, and virtually everything else in its path. The time to act is now.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the provision contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to upgrade the U.S. Cyber Command to a unified combatant command.

The United States Cyber Command, which is located in my district at Fort Meade, Maryland, has been tasked with one of the greatest challenges of our times. Every day, its cyber warriors are protecting us from our enemies plotting to compromise our military networks and critical infrastructure. Recently, they were given their first wartime assignment in the fight against ISIS.

The demand for cyber warfare capabilities has been so high that CYBERCOM teams that are not even officially operational yet are contributing to the mission, according to its chief, Admiral Mike Rogers. That need is only going to increase and we must give it the power and resources it needs to better protect our country.

Elevating CYBERCOM as a Unified Combatant Command recognizes the fact that cyberspace is the battlefield of the 21st Century. Warfare is not just on land, at sea, or in the skies and space—but in cyberspace. Just as our special operations command is able to quickly and deftly perform some of our toughest covert missions, it only makes sense to have a command that can respond nimbly to cyber threats and organize our offensive and defensive efforts.

I agree wholeheartedly with Admiral Rogers, who has said this designation would allow his Command to be faster with better mission outcomes. We must not forget that the other half of his responsibility, the National Security Agency, already enjoys an excellent and essential working relationship with CYBERCOM. We must ensure that any reorganization strengthens this relationship.

I am proud to represent both agencies in Congress and am confident Maryland and the Second District is amply prepared to assist with the infrastructure needs that accompany any growth.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I ask that the following exchange of letters be submitted on H.R. 4909:

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, 29 April 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. “MAC” THORNBERRY,
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write concerning H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. That bill, as ordered reported, contains provisions within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee, including those affecting public lands, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, the Endangered Species Act, and historic preservation.

In the interest of permitting you to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this very important bill, I waive this committee's right to a sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that the Natural Resources Committee does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matter contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I also request that you urge the Speaker to name members of the Natural Resources committee to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 4909 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you and your staff have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees, and congratulations on this significant achievement.

Sincerely,

ROB BISHOP,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agree that the Committee on Natural Resources has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral,

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

the Committee on Natural Resources is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. THORNBERRY: I am writing concerning H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

This legislation contains provisions within the Committee on Agriculture's Rule X jurisdiction. As a result of your having consulted with the Committee and in order to expedite this bill for floor consideration, the Committee on Agriculture will forego action on the bill. This is being done on the basis of our mutual understanding that doing so will in no way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture with respect to the appointment of conferees, or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding, and would request that you include a copy of this letter and your response in the Committee Report and in the Congressional Record during the floor consideration of this bill. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL CONAWAY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL CONAWAY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agree that the Committee on Agriculture has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Agriculture is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 4909, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017." This legislation contains provisions that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive my committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving formal consideration of the bill, the Committee on Ways and Means does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule

X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of my committee to any conference committee that is convened to consider such provisions.

Please include this letter and your response confirming our understanding in the committee report on H.R. 4909, and in the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

KEVIN BRADY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agree that the Committee on Ways and Means has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Ways and Means is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN THORNBERRY: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 4909, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017." While the legislation does contain provisions within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee will not request a sequential referral so that it can proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Committee takes this action with the understanding that its jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as such legislation moves forward. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on such legislation and requests your support when such a request is made.

Finally, I would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 4909 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2016.

Hon. FRED UPTON,
*Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the inter-

est of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,
Chairman.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Chair, I join my colleagues in opposition to this amendment.

Like members on both sides of this debate, I strongly support strengthening our domestic industrial base. I also support efficiently using taxpayer dollars to ensure our military has the best systems and equipment.

While well intentioned, this amendment is overly broad and could have serious unintended consequences for taxpayers, for our military, and for our foreign policy.

My colleagues have discussed the cost and technical issues. I share these concerns about negatively disrupting the AMRAAM and potentially other tactical missile programs.

We should also consider the consequences this amendment may have for our ability to engage in cost sharing with our international allies and partners.

Cost sharing on a variety of platforms can drive competition, improve technologies available to our military, and lower costs for taxpayers. It also strengthens the partnerships we leverage to provide stability and security for the United States.

It is my understanding that a reasonable path forward exists to ensure we can build our domestic manufacturing base for solid rocket motors.

I encourage my colleagues to oppose this amendment so that we can advance a targeted solution to address the specific programmatic concerns of the sponsor, without imposing an overbroad mandate that disrupts all tactical missile programs.

Again, thank you Congresswoman MCSALLY and Ranking Member SMITH.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense

and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Chair, I rise today to highlight the importance of my amendment to extend the authorization of a Naval construction project located at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois for one year.

In 2013 the installation at Great Lakes reached out to request funds for the construction of a new unaccompanied housing building on the base for recently enlisted individuals. The current housing building is suffering from ongoing maintenance issues making the building unsuitable and inadequate.

Mr. Chair, this year's NDAA represents a renewed investment in our soldiers with a pay raise, increased access to health care, and a number of other positive steps to support our fighting men and women. My amendment represents another positive investment in our troops. These men and women deserve to be housed in good conditions. This amendment does not add any cost to the legislation, and simply extends the authorization of this already appropriated for construction project for Fiscal Year 2017.

CONGRATULATING KIM BARKS OF COMPLETE TRUCK & RV REPAIR FOR RECEIVING THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2016 EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD—JACK HECK AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Kim Barks. She is the owner of Complete Truck & RV Repair and is receiving the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—Jack Heck Award from the City of St. Charles Economic Development Department.

When Complete Truck & RV Repair opened as a family-run business in 2013, it had ten employees. Now, the shop is staffed by 22 employees and has been able to add Restoration, Fabrication, Auto & RV Detailing, and Towing Services. The Barks family also added another location for RV storage to continue serving their customers.

To say that Complete Truck & RV Repair contributes to the St. Charles community would almost be an understatement. Kim and her father are passionate about animals and built a dog park for guests who come to service their vehicles. Kim is also a supporter of the organization Dogs on Duty, Five Acres Animal Shelter, and the Humane Society.

Another part of Complete Truck & RV Repair's community outreach is its contribution to the St. Charles' Backstoppers. Kim's father has helped the Backstoppers raise money for over 15 years. Complete Truck & RV Repair is hosting the 1st Annual Backstoppers Summer Dance June 24th at the Machinists' Hall to continue this fundraising effort. The Barks and their repair business work year round to raise awareness for the Backstoppers. The business owns a fire truck, named Red. Red travels around town to various fire houses to promote awareness of the Backstoppers fund. Red also can be seen in various city parades.

Complete Truck & RV Repair hires veterans and is part of the Hire Heroes Program. The business honors veterans by giving them a discount. It currently has five veterans employed on the Complete Truck & RV Repair staff. Complete Truck & RV Repair also gives Police Officers, EMS, and Firefighters a discount on services.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Complete Truck & RV Repair for its accomplishment as the 2016 Employer of the Year Award—Jack Heck Award.

RECOGNIZING MARINE CORPS
MASTER SERGEANT FRANK
MASON

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, five years ago, I had the honor of bringing to the attention of this House a tribute for a great Devil Dog celebrating his 90th birthday. Once again, I have been given this honor and rise to recognize Marine Corps Master Sergeant Frank Mason who will be turning 95 this month.

As I said at that time, Frank is part of America's greatest generation who led our nation to victory in World War II and came home to live a life every one of us should be blessed to have. On May 3, 2011, I outlined Frank's life story of service and sacrifice in great detail, so here I will just remind everyone briefly that he enlisted in the Marine Corps at 17, proudly serving in World War II in China and the Philippines, held as a prisoner of war for over three years, and once again served during the Korean War, including the critical and historic Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

While I initially searched for new words to describe Frank and his service, I have come to the realization that what was stated five years ago remains the best description and rings just as true today. So, with no apology for repeating my previous remarks, I believe Frank's account of these events aptly reflects the attitude of a Marine rifleman and the proud tradition and honor of the Marine Corps to this very day. Frank asserted, "We never surrendered. We were ordered to stop fighting."

I will also repeat the quote I used at the time from Ronald Reagan, "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world. Marines don't have that problem." Mr. Speaker, as a fellow Marine and a Member of Congress that represents Frank in this body, I am proud to once again thank him for his service and wish him all the best as he celebrates his 95th birthday. Frank, we are honored by the example you provide. Semper Fidelis.

HONORING THE CAREER OF HON.
JOHN T. CURTIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and legacy of service of the Honorable John T. Curtin who is celebrating

his retirement from the post as a United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. After 48 years on the bench, no other local judge has served longer or, many would argue, with greater distinction than Judge Curtin.

Nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1967 at the urging of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Curtin was a U.S. District Attorney with a reputation for organized crime investigations. As a federal judge, it was the 1972 Buffalo Public Schools desegregation suit that made Curtin a household name. His ruling led to a plan that included the forced busing of black and white students and the creation of specialized magnet schools designed to encourage the voluntary transfer of children. The order he signed would be hailed as a national model for how to integrate a diverse school district. Curtin also issued orders to desegregate Buffalo's police and fire departments, a move that ushered in a new generation of women and minority officers and firefighters which remains in effect to this day.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Curtin oversaw a huge lawsuit about toxic waste dumped in the Love Canal neighborhood of Niagara Falls. The case led to the relocation of hundreds of residents and became a national rallying cry for environmentalists. He would then later oversee the L.A. Boys gang case, in which he gave two of the longest prison terms in local history. Also, before most other Americans, he recognized the futility of the war on drugs and the damage it caused, when he stopped hearing drug cases more than 20 years ago.

Inside and outside the courtroom, Curtin was known for his soft-spoken demeanor and even-handed temperament. Curtin was well known for his courage and independence and his retirement marks the end of an era in Buffalo federal court, an era marked by landmark rulings and historic court cases.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the career of the Honorable John T. Curtin. I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our congratulations on an accomplished career and to commend his dedication to his profession and the Western New York community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN D.
WAGNER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John D. Wagner, an outstanding member of the Northeast Ohio community who passed away on April 28th at the age of 69.

A lifelong resident of Barberton, Ohio, Mr. Wagner spent his life dedicated to service. One who not only provided for his family as a business manager of the local Number 219 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, but also as one who provided for the members of his community. He served on multiple boards and councils, such as the Barberton City Council and the executive board of the Ohio AFL-CIO, just to name a few. John was also known for coaching the Barberton American Little League for many years.

He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and the hard-working folks he helped to represent. Mr. Wagner's passion and leadership for his community serves as a hallmark not only for the city of Barberton, but for all of us who are making differences for the people we represent.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
POLICE WEEK

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week to honor the brave men and women in uniform who serve the First District of Iowa.

Every day, our Nation's law enforcement officers selflessly put their lives in danger to protect our communities. Having recently participated in a police ride along in Dubuque and Waterloo, I had the chance to experience their duties first hand—and my respect for these individuals only increased after seeing their dedication.

Today, the Cedar Falls Police Department hosts a memorial event for the Black Hawk County Peace Officers fallen in the line of duty. I am proud of my district for honoring these brave men and women. On behalf of the 194 law enforcement officers in Iowa who gave their lives last year, I offer my gratitude for their service and my prayers for their families, friends, and colleagues.

I respectfully urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to continue to support the officers who lay their lives on the line for our safety. I am proud to stand before you today to personally thank every law enforcement officer in the First District of Iowa—and around the country—who put themselves in harm's way in order to keep us safe.

HONORING BENJAMIN COHEN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Benjamin Cohen, son of Nicole and Adam Cohen, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Benjamin, a political enthusiast and true active citizen, will be called to the Torah on May 29, 2016. I offer my heartfelt wishes as he begins this next stage in his Jewish life, passing on our Jewish traditions from generation to generation (l'dor v'dor).

It is with great pleasure that I honor Benjamin and his family in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS' PHILADELPHIA
DISTRICT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers' Philadelphia District, which this year is marking its 150th anniversary.

Since Lieutenant Colonel C. S. Stewart was assigned as Superintending Engineer of the Harbor Improvements of the Delaware in July 1866, the men and women of the District have been meeting the Nation's challenges with engineering solutions both in war and in peace, to include building up Frankford Arsenal, the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, Fort Monmouth, Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, and Dover Air Force Base; designing and constructing the Army's dredges, survey boats, work boats and barges, and other vessels; keeping the Delaware River, Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and other waterways open and vital to maritime commerce; completing the Nation's first comprehensive basin-wide study, leading to a system of dams and levees that reduced flood damages within the Delaware River Basin; cleaning up contaminants from around and under abandoned industrial sites; and using dunes and beach nourishment to reduce storm damages along the New Jersey and Delaware coasts.

Through it all, this organization has developed a solid and well-earned reputation for integrity, innovation, responsiveness, customer service, and quality excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the Philadelphia District's century and a half of outstanding service to the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS GIBSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Doris Gibson, of Kellerton, Iowa, on the celebration of her 101st birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Doris's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Doris has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-one Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Ms. Gibson in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 101st birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Doris for reaching this incredible milestone and in wishing her nothing but the best.

HONORING KELSIE ELLINGSWORTH
ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE
PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCI-
ENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO
THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE
MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clever High School student Kelsie Ellingsworth, of Clever, Missouri, on her being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. Specifically, it's designed for students aspiring to become physicians or medical researchers, and provides a path and mentorship for students to accomplish their goals.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants are either recommended by a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Delegates represent all 50 states plus Puerto Rico, and must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Students like Ellingsworth who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, Kelsie Ellingsworth has not only excelled in her academics, but has shown a passion for science and medicine that will serve her future aspirations well. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Kelsie the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HAY-
WARD'S WATER POLLUTION CON-
TROL FACILITY ON ITS RECENT
AWARDS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the City of Hayward's Water Pollution Control Facility ("Facility") on its pioneering accomplishments in green energy and waste management.

In 2010, the Facility was costing Hayward approximately \$578,000, which was about 20 percent of its total energy cost and 10 percent of the Facility's budget. It also produced approximately 20 percent of Hayward's greenhouse gas emissions.

The year before, the City had adopted its Climate Action Plan with a goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by 2020. Part of this effort was to improve the Facility, allowing it to generate all of its own power with clean or renewable energy sources, but without tapping into Hayward's general fund.

Using outside funding, including multiple incentive programs from the California Public

Utilities Commission, the Facility was able to utilize four new technologies to move from energy consumption to production. The Facility is now able to export the excess energy it creates and saves Hayward an estimated \$400,000 each year.

Some of these technologies also help reduce the environmental impact to the community. The Facility's new digesters, which convert bio-waste to energy, accept waste fats, oils, and greases from the area to help fuel them, keeping those wastes out of landfills. The Facility also sends treated, non-potable water to a nearby power plant, reducing the cost of pumping the water into the San Francisco Bay, and better harnessing water resources in this time of severe drought.

The Facility's revolutionary measures have recently been recognized by organizations across the country. In October 2015, the EPA selected it for the Green Power Leadership Award. On May 26, the Facility will receive the Bay Area's oldest environmental award, the Acterra Business Environmental Award.

The Facility's commitment to the Hayward community and environment is truly extraordinary. I want to acknowledge it and the City of Hayward for their dedication to a sustainable future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONSIGNOR JOSEPH P. KELLY FOR SERVING THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON FOR 50 YEARS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, who will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 28, 2016. Monsignor Kelly will be honored for his devoted service to those in need in our community at the Catholic Social Services Gala on May 22 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Throughout his career, Monsignor Kelly has tended to the needs of many throughout the 11 counties within the Diocese of Scranton. He has been Pastor to several parishes in northeastern Pennsylvania, including St. Catherine's in Moscow, St. Ann's in Tobyhanna, and Nativity of Our Lord and Holy Rosary of Scranton. In addition to leading local faith communities, Monsignor Kelly has served as Diocesan Director of Catholic Men, Women and Youth as well as the Episcopal Vicar of Hispanic Ministry.

Monsignor Kelly has played an important role as an educator and mentor to young people during his ministry. He taught 8th grade religion for 25 years and taught religion to seniors at Scranton Prep for 13 years. He was the Executive Director of Camp St. Andrew and Co-Founder of Project Hope at Camp St. Andrew.

Monsignor Kelly has been an advocate for Catholic charities and human services throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. He has worked tirelessly to provide services to children and families who are struggling to make ends meet, shelters for the homeless, food for the hungry, adoption and foster care, affordable housing, help for home-

less veterans, resettlement services for refugees, and treatment for drug addiction. Today, Monsignor Kelly continues to devote himself to northeastern Pennsylvanians as the Executive Director of St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 16th, 2016 I was inadvertently detained on Roll Call Votes 194 and 195. Had I been present to vote I would have voted YES on each.

On Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 I was inadvertently detained on Roll Call Votes 196, 197, 198, and 199. Had I been present to vote I would have voted YES on Roll Call Votes 196, 197, and 199. I would have voted NO on Roll Call Vote 198.

TRIBUTE TO JANE AND HARTFORD COOPER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jane and Hartford Cooper of Nodaway, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th anniversary. They celebrated their special day earlier this year on February 19, 2016.

Jane and Hartford's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 55th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jane and Hartford on this momentous occasion.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAT FOX FOR HER 11 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF RIVERVIEW HEALTH

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pat Fox on the occasion of her retirement. For over a decade, Pat has served as President and CEO of Riverview Health in Noblesville, Indiana. Pat has an impressive 45 years in the healthcare industry and her passion for patient care and dedication to making Riverview a first-rate hospital has left an enduring impact on the Riverview Health system. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for

Pat Fox's commitment to making Riverview Health a great place to work, practice medicine, and receive excellent patient care.

Pat began her career in the health industry as a nurse aid in a small county hospital and decided she wanted to pursue a nursing degree. After completing her degree to become an R.N. at St. Mary's in Chicago, she went on to receive a bachelor's degree in Public Health Administration from Indiana University and a master's degree from St. Francis in Illinois. Pat remains a licensed R.N. today, however for the past 30 years she has served in leadership roles in hospitals throughout Indiana.

She began her career in hospital administration as a manager at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis, which is now known as Eskenazi, and worked her way up to Vice President of Patient Care Services. In 2000, Pat was recruited by Riverview Health for her strong leadership skills to fill the position of Chief Operating Officer. Four years later, when the CEO retired, Pat was promoted. Throughout her 11 year tenure as CEO of Riverview Health, she has been instrumental in helping the Riverview Health system grow into an exceptional and widely-respected health system.

Riverview Health opened its first hospital in May of 1951. At the time, it was just one hospital, but over the past 55 years, Riverview has committed itself to adapting and expanding its facilities to meet the healthcare needs of its community. When Pat started in 2000, Riverview Health was considered a small county hospital with six physicians working outside the hospital in offices around Hamilton County. Under her administration, the health system has grown into a first-class network of 55 facilities, including the large hospital, offices, nursing homes and numerous other facilities focused on outpatient care. Most notably, Pat is responsible for leading the efforts in opening the Women's and Children's units, a new Emergency Center, and facilitation of a physician-led multi-disciplinary breast cancer team. Riverview Health has also been selected to receive a number of prestigious awards under Pat's leadership. Riverview Health was honored with an AchieveWELL certification from The Wellness Council of Indiana (2011), the Patient Safety Excellence Award from HealthGrades (2012), Five-Star Excellence Award from the Professional Research Consultants Inc. (2014), and has consistently ranked in the top 5 percent of U.S. hospitals.

Beyond her work with Riverview, she is an active member of the community. She serves on a number of non-profit boards, including the Cherish Center, Noblesville Youth Assistance Program, Prevail, Inc., and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. Her commitment to the Hoosier community and success as a leader has not gone unnoticed. She has received a number of awards, including Aspire Indiana's 2013 Aspiring Person Award for her diverse and meaningful involvement throughout the community.

Pat has devoted herself to attaining the vision she set out for the hospital when she began her career with Riverview, and over the last decade she has achieved that vision above and beyond. She transformed healthcare, particularly in Noblesville, but also throughout central Indiana and the Hoosier community is eternally grateful for her dedication to providing the highest standard of healthcare to Hoosiers. I am thrilled to hear

she plans to remain active in the community and will have more time to partake in some of her favorite hobbies, running marathons and traveling with her husband. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I'd like to congratulate Pat on her remarkable career and extend a huge thank you for all of the wonderful contributions she has made to Riverview Health and the Hoosier community. I wish the very best to Pat, her husband, Steve, her two children, and two grandchildren as she enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING WYATT BOWEN ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wyatt Bowen, of Pierce City, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be physicians or enter into the field of medical research, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place at the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the medical field.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, Wyatt Bowen, who attends Pierce City High School, has dedicated himself to his studies and exhibited a passion for health and medical studies, and will soon be representing the future of the state of Missouri at this conference. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for his achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank him for his representation of our district.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUTGERS GARDENS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rutgers Gardens as it celebrates its

centennial this year. Since its development, Rutgers Gardens have contributed to the agricultural studies, as well as the beauty, of Rutgers University.

Over the years, Rutgers Gardens has expanded and evolved. Today it encompasses nearly 180 acres comprising the former land of Wolpert Farm, Welshman Farm and Helyar Woods. It is located on Rutgers University's Cook Campus, a stark contrast to the rest of the university's urban setting.

While beautiful, Rutgers Gardens provides much more than simply a botanical display for the community to enjoy. From the onset, the purpose of the gardens was agricultural research, which still continues today. Additionally, students and visitors can receive valuable horticultural education through various programs and materials offered by the gardens.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in marking the 100th Anniversary of Rutgers Gardens. This milestone is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CORPORAL WILLIAM STEELE WINESETT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Corporal William Steele Winesett, who passed away peacefully on May 4, 2016 in Lumberton, NC. We send our prayers and sincerest condolences to his entire family as they celebrate the life of this extraordinary man.

After graduating from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, NC, Corporal Winesett joined the United States Marine Corps to serve his country during World War II. As a machine gunner in the Pacific theater, he took part in Operation Detachment as U.S. Marines landed on and captured the island of Iwo Jima. The lessons and experience brought to him through his military service stayed with Corporal Winesett and he remained fiercely proud of his service throughout his life.

Following the conclusion of the war, Corporal Winesett returned to North Carolina and attended East Carolina University. Afterwards he joined General Motors Insurance, and after 33 years he retired to spend more time with his beloved wife, Lola. A true pillar of the community, Corporal Winesett was a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, volunteering with the same troop for 50 years. He also remained an active member and devoted parishioner of the Rowland United Methodist Church where he took great pride in maintaining the lawn for all to enjoy. Corporal Winesett was a man founded in principle and faith in God and will be truly missed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the life of Corporal William Steele Winesett for his service to God, country, and his community.

TRIBUTE TO KATHIE AND JERRY SEALOCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Kathie and Jerry Sealock of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 5, 1966, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs by Rev. Gerald LaMotte. Jerry retired in 1987 from the U.S. Postal Service and Kathie retired in 1991 as a bookkeeper for Hy-Vee Drug Store.

Kathie and Jerry's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, the late Jeffrey, Karen, and Karilyn, and their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kathie and Jerry on this momentous occasion.

HONORING DR. TSAI ING-WEN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the newly elected president of Taiwan, Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, who will be inaugurated on May 20, 2016. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Tsai and in applauding Taiwan for completing another presidential election.

Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, the leader of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), will be Taiwan's first female president, leading the country to a new chapter of transformation. Taiwan provides an example to be followed in gender equality and women in leadership at its highest level of government. Taiwan has made more progress with gender equality issues than many of its Pacific neighbors, having adopted a law to implement the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 2011.

Taiwan is also an important partner to the United States, serving as a democratic beacon of freedom in the Pacific. Democracy is strong and vibrant in Taiwan and we must continue to support these ideals that are so similar to our own. We must remain steadfast in our support of Taiwan even though its future may hold challenges dealing with their neighbors.

Our shared goal is to provide the basis for long-term peace and prosperity for both of our nations and worldwide. Taiwan, like the U.S., is also a responsible member of the international community and constantly works for the peaceful resolution of disputes. Taiwan has achieved a remarkable reduction of cross-strait tensions, and effectively works for peace, harmony, and civilized conduct by all nations throughout the world.

It is my privilege to travel to Taiwan for Dr. Tsai Ing-wen's Inauguration in May, 2016. I look forward to supporting our friends there and personally congratulating Dr. Tsai.

HONORING SCOTT CETOUTE FOR ACHIEVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE WHILE ENROLLED IN THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIS SENIOR YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize Mr. Scott Cetoute, a student-athlete and soon to be graduate of Coral Springs High School. Scott was recently honored at the Broward County Public Schools fifth annual Best-in-Class and Perfect Attendance Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 12, 2016, and will be honored again on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Broward County School Board Meeting.

The Best-in-Class Award is an accolade presented to students who have been continuously enrolled in Broward County Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, and have perfect attendance. This is a remarkable achievement and it is an immense honor of mine to recognize Scott for his unwavering devotion to education.

Having never missed a single day of school for a total of 2,340 days is no small feat. Furthermore, in a show of appreciation, various community and business partners have joined together to provide Scott and fellow honorees with an assortment of gifts and supplies that will assist them as they continue their journey towards higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to commend Mr. Scott Cetoute for his dedication and commitment to education. He is a shining example of student success. I wish him all the very best as he begins studying at Broward Community College this summer to earn his Associate Degree, upon completion of which he plans to continue his education at Florida International University (FIU). Scott has strong aspirations to become a pharmacist once he completes his education. I know that he will make his community and the state of Florida proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, due to the illness and passing of my father, former Congressman Delbert L. Latta, I was unable to be present for votes on Tuesday, May 10, 2016; Wednesday, May 11, 2016; Thursday, May 12, 2016; Friday, May 13, 2016; and Monday, May 16, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Number 180: YEA; Roll Call Number 181: YEA; Roll Call Number 182: YEA; Roll Call Number 183: YEA; Roll Call Number 184: YEA; Roll Call Number 185: YEA; Roll Call Number 186:

NAY; Roll Call Number 187: YEA; Roll Call Number 188: YEA; Roll Call Number 189: YEA; Roll Call Number 190: YEA; Roll Call Number 191: YEA; Roll Call Number 192: YEA; Roll Call Number 193: YEA; Roll Call Number 194: YEA; Roll Call Number 195: YEA.

TRIBUTE TO GERRY AND RANDALL HOUGH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gerry and Randall Hough of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 27, 1946.

Gerry and Randall's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Jodie and Debbie, and their five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representative join me in congratulating Gerry and Randall on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, I missed votes on account of attending a family event in the district. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 196: I would have voted YEA: Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 732—the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4909—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

Roll Call 197: I would have voted YEA: Adoption of H. Res. 732—the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4909—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

Roll Call 198: I would have voted NAY: Esty (D-CT) Motion to Instruct Conferees on S. 524—Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016

Roll Call 199: I would have voted YEA: H.R. 897—Zika Vector Control Act

HONORING JOHN CRUMPTON ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Crumpton, of Branson, Missouri,

who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be physicians or enter into the field of medical research, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place at the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues an exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the medical field.

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Mr. Speaker, John Crumpton; who attends Branson High School, has shown a level of excellence in academics and passion for science that leaves me fully confident that he will represent Missouri well at this Congress. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for his achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank him for representing our district.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, INC. AND ITS SUBORDINATE LODGES

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Incorporated and its subordinate lodges, who will be celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, May 22nd in Petersburg, Virginia. This organization has worked in continuous and faithful service for 140 years within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Prince Hall lodge has a long history in the Commonwealth, tracing its own history to 1775, when Prince Hall and fourteen other free blacks joined a British army lodge of Masons stationed in Boston, Massachusetts and, following their departure, formed their own lodge: African American Lodge Number 1. Prince Hall became the lodge's first Grand Master.

By establishing this organization, Prince Hall and his compatriots were, in 1775, taking some of the first steps to form one of America's first formal African-American institutions.

Established in Virginia in 1875 as Universal Lodge Number 1 in Alexandria, countless members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free & Accepted Masons have served in community and elected leadership positions.

Through their service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and our nation, members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free & Accepted Masons and its subordinate lodges have sought to "inspire noble principles, moral values, and profound convictions in the lives of each individual" their work touches. They have sought to teach the principles of family, the values of philanthropy through charity and volunteer work, and the convictions of acceptance and compassion through honor, integrity, and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my enthusiastic congratulations to Roger C. Brown of Richmond, Virginia, who currently serves as the 78th leader of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia and to all its Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Past Masters and members on their celebration, on December 16th, 2015, of 140 years of continuous service in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and on the celebration of Founder's Day on May 22, 2016 in Petersburg, Virginia. It is my profound hope that through their work, members of the Grand Lodge will continue to inspire and provide support and service to communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

MR. BILL CARNEY

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible fifty years of marriage between Barbara and Bill Carney.

On May 14, 2016, Barbara and Bill Carney celebrated fifty years of marriage, friendship, fun and family. Those 50 years have taken them on a winding and unpredicted journey—from the Irish Catholic neighborhood of Flatbush, Brooklyn, to the suburbs of Long Island, to the halls of the United States Congress—with unforeseen stops and innumerable joys along the way. With love, respect and patience, they made it look easy. Their lives together, love for each other, generosity of spirit, faith and humor have impacted so many people through the years.

Barbara Haverlin and Bill Carney grew up blocks from one another in Brooklyn. They attended the same parish, St. Catherine of Genoa, frequented the same places, and enjoyed overlapping groups of friends. They did not meet, however, until their early twenties at O'Reilly's Pub, where Bill was tending bar and Barbara was dating one of the O'Reilly brothers. On a dare from co-workers, Bill asked out the boss' girlfriend. Within two weeks of the first date, they decided to marry and were wed twelve months later. Both having lost their parents in their teens; Barbara and Bill deeply appreciated the importance and value of family. They have been blessed with extraordinary closeness with community and family, which is the same value and spirit that Barbara and Bill maintained in raising their two daughters, Julie Baker and Jackie Carney D'Aquila.

After marriage, Bill held multiple jobs to support his family—always willing to try or learn a new skill. Never one to shy away from challenges or to view something as impossible, Bill, as a member of the Smithtown Conservative Party, decided to run for U.S. Congress

at 32 years old. In 1977, with Barbara's backing and the support of a handful of what would prove to be life-long friends, Bill beat the odds and was elected to represent the First Congressional District of New York. Bill Carney is the only person ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a member of the New York State Conservative Party, having run on both the Conservative and Republican lines. During his political career, Bill enjoyed phenomenal staff, advisors and friends. He served four terms in the House before deciding to retire and open his own boutique consulting firm in 1986.

Bill and Barbara are joined in celebrating their 50th Anniversary this month by their daughters, sons-in-law, four grandchildren and scores of friends and family. I would like to congratulate Bill on fifty years of marriage and thank him for his remarkable service to his country and especially to the First Congressional District of New York. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to their country as graciously as he did.

TRIBUTE TO RITA AND STEVE
VALLINCH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rita and Steve Vallinch of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1951 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska, by Father Stanislaus Golik.

Rita and Steve's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Ann, Jean, Kathie, and family, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Rita and Steve on this momentous occasion.

HONORING ZACKRIE GORDON

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zackrie Gordon of Davie, Florida for receiving Broward County Public Schools' Best in Class Award. With perfect attendance throughout elementary, middle, and high school, Zackrie has demonstrated a sincere dedication to his studies, a passion for learning, and a commitment to his school community.

It is with great pleasure that I honor Zackrie in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and wish him all the best as he graduates from Western High School.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA STUDENTS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate the University of Central Florida for winning the 2016 Raytheon National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NCCDC) for the third consecutive year. The competition, held April 22–24 in San Antonio, Texas, brought together the top ten college and university teams from across the country.

More than 180 colleges and universities and 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students participated in competitions leading up to the national championship which was sponsored by Raytheon. The Raytheon competition models real-world scenarios in which teams are required to maintain operational needs of their businesses and user demands amidst cyber attacks. Preparing the next generation of cyber security leaders is critical to defending our nation against ever-increasing threats.

Again, congratulations to the University of Central Florida team for bringing home the Raytheon NCCDC Alamo Cup for the third consecutive year and establishing the University as a national leader in cyber security.

HONORING MELODY CHALMERS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melody Chalmers, a North Carolinian who has had a wonderful impact on many of our state's children. Earlier this month, Melody was named the Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year for her service as principal of E.E. Smith High School in Cumberland County.

Chalmers was selected after a rigorous statewide process involving both interviews and on-site visits. It is clear that she is a truly exceptional principal.

Chalmers is long-time North Carolinian, who graduated from North Carolina A&T State University with a bachelor's degree in English in 1998. From there, she continued her education at Fayetteville State University, graduating in 2005 with a master's degree in School Administration.

As a leader in North Carolina's public schools, Melody Chalmers previously served as an assistant principal at E.E. Smith High and Warrenwood Elementary. She was later principal of Cross Creek Early College High before assuming her current role at E.E. Smith High School.

Chalmers has been widely praised for her work in our state's schools. North Carolina State Superintendent June Atkinson lauded her as an "innovative problem solver who is committed to the academic and personal growth of each of her students and teachers." In presenting the award to Chalmers, Juan Austin, senior vice president of Community Affairs at Wells Fargo Carolinas, noted that she has the unique ability to "recruit and retain

quality teachers," an especially difficult task given the low pay and long hours our state's teachers cope with on a daily basis.

As principal of E.E. Smith High School, Chalmers works with more than 1,000 students and 70 teachers each year. She has fostered a family atmosphere at E.E. Smith that encourages her students to grow into future leaders.

I also want to thank Wells Fargo for their continued support of the Principal of the Year program. Their 33-year partnership with the State of North Carolina has touched hundreds of educators and thousands of students, providing resources for schools to continue to grow their inventive programs

I wish Melody Chalmers well as she continues her tireless work in North Carolina, creating an environment where every child can reach his or her full potential. She has touched many lives, and the effects of her service will reverberate for years to come.

HONORING SARAH CONROY ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Conroy, of Ozark, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

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Mr. Speaker, Sarah Conroy, who attends Ozark High School, has shown a true passion for anatomy, biology and health science. Moreover, Sarah has excelled in her academics and will no doubt make Missouri proud as one of our delegates. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for her achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank her for representing our district.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE AND
TOMMIE STONER, SR.

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Katherine and Tommie Stoner, Sr. on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Tommie and Katherine were married on May 20, 1951.

Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

I salute this lovely couple on their 65 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAESTRO
ALVIN MILLS OF SANTA MONICA

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maestro Alvin Mills of Santa Monica, California who is retiring on May 15, 2016 at the age of 94 after being the conductor of the Brentwood Westwood Symphony Orchestra for 63 years.

I want to commend Maestro Mills for his commitment to bringing joy and music to thousands of people who are not able to afford to go to the Philharmonic concerts.

Maestro Mills began studying violin at the age of 8 and later studied with Pierre Monteux at the Ecole Montoux in Hancock, Maine. As a violinist he performed with the Kansas City Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Symphony. In 1949 he became the Founder and Conductor of the Lompoc California Symphony.

Maestro Mills founded the Brentwood Westwood Symphony Orchestra in 1953. He also served as its conductor and musical director since its inception, and has championed the cause of keeping alive the arts and classical music by giving free quality classical symphonic concerts in these communities.

Maestro Mills also championed the youth in Los Angeles as a music teacher and with a contest that he started 30 years ago entitled, "The Artists of Tomorrow Competition" which gives the opportunity for 6 to 7 young artists who win the contest each year to receive scholarships and perform with the orchestra. Many of them have gone on to successful careers in music.

Through his inspiration, talents and leadership, Maestro Mills has exemplified the best ideals of community service. I am proud to honor Maestro Mills of Brentwood, California and thank him for his dedication to culturally enriching the residents of the 33rd Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, due to an obligation in my district, I regrettably missed Roll Call votes 190, 191, 192 and 193. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call Vote 190, "nay" on Roll Call Vote 191 and "yea" on Roll Call Vote 191, and "yea" on Roll Call Vote 193.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MINISTER
ASENATH KATHERINE TALLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Minister Asenath Katherine Talley of Philadelphia, who passed away last Wednesday.

Asenath Katherine Brown, known affectionately as Sennie, was born in Philadelphia on June 10th, 1942. The youngest of Benjamin and Hattie Brown's eight children, Asenath was involved in the church from an early age. She was a member of the Baptist Young People's Union, Sunday school, and the junior choir at Enon Baptist Church. Her family and friends often said that singing in the choir was one of her greatest joys as a child.

Asenath devoted her life to serving others long before she was ordained. She could frequently be seen preaching on the streets, prisons, and shelters of Philadelphia and Camden. Her compassion for the less fortunate was without peer, and her involvement in her community only grew after she became an ordained minister in 2000. A natural-born teacher, Asenath taught at Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and New Life Bible School. Of course, she never stopped singing in the choir.

Preceded in death by her husband Leonard M. Talley, Asenath is survived by three children, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends beyond count. She left behind a legacy of love and compassion that will endure through every life she touched.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the life and memory of Minister Asenath Talley.

TRIBUTE TO KENT GRIES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Deputy Kent Gries for being awarded the Commissioner's Special Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety. Mr. Gries is a Deputy in the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office based in Guthrie Center, Iowa.

This award recognizes an officer's efforts to "aggressively pursue drug-impaired and alcohol-impaired drivers." Deputy Gries was involved in about 90 arrests through the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office in 2015. Those incidents include 10 felony violations, 32 operating-while-intoxicated arrests and 50 drug arrests. He also administers the Guthrie County Sheriffs Office Facebook page. He developed and led a Citizen's Academy in Guthrie County.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Kent Gries is an Iowan who has served his community and state well. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Kent and wish him continued success, health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MONSIGNOR JAMES EDWIN PETERSEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Monsignor James Edwin Petersen of Madera, California who passed away on May 3, 2016 at the age of 82. Monsignor Petersen will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and the entire community.

Msgr. Petersen was born in Los Angeles, California on November 8, 1933. His family moved to Randsburg, California in the Mojave Desert, where his parents operated a general store. Monsignor Petersen realized his calling to become a priest at an early age. He attended seminary school in Columbus, Ohio at the Josephinum Seminary, where he completed high school, college, and post-graduate theology.

Msgr. Petersen was ordained into priesthood in 1959, and he took his first assignment at the Shrine of St. Therese in Fresno, California. For over 40 years, he served throughout California's Central Valley in various roles, serving as a pastor for numerous churches including Our Lady of Sorrows in Parlier, California, Our Lady of Mercy, in Merced California, St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno, and as the Executive Director for the California Catholic Conference in Sacramento California. Msgr. Petersen served as a priest at the Shrine of St. Therese until his retirement.

Throughout his priesthood and well into retirement, Msgr. Petersen served on numerous committees and boards and gave mass at the Nazareth House in Fresno on a weekly basis. Furthermore, he served the people of the San Joaquin Valley with grace, humility, and integrity. His commitment to faith and making a difference in the community truly made him a beloved individual.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a true community servant and man who put God above all else. Msgr. Petersen's memory will live on through his family and will be remembered by many in our community.

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANDIA CALIFORNIA

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sandia National Laboratories of Livermore. Through 60 years of collaborative research and pioneering to solve our nation's security issues, Sandia's workers have focused on keeping America's technology on the cutting edge.

From nuclear stockpile stewardship to chemical weapons disposal, from cybersecurity to fuel cells, their work has made every American safer. I am particularly thankful for Sandia's Energy and Climate program, which works toward a secure energy future for our nation. Moving us toward a sustainable, domestically sourced energy supply and more reliable infrastructure might be among the greatest gifts they are giving to Americans for generations to come.

Our cars are cleaner, our cybersecurity is stronger, and our energy options are widening because of Sandia's innovative work that will help maintain America's position as a premier technological leader.

Sandia has become an integral part of the Livermore community, helping to turn the area into a bustling and vibrant center of innovation. The entire 15th Congressional District is better for it. I am honored to represent the great minds of Sandia's workforce, and would like to congratulate them on 60 years of innovation and groundbreaking science.

HONORING RYAN DIRKSEN ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ryan Dirksen, of Springfield, Missouri, who has been accepted by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be physicians or enter into the field of medical research, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place at the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the medical field.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and

Puerto Rico. It is an incredibly selective opportunity, and those students who qualify for selection have done so because of their hard work and diligence to their studies, not to mention their impressive intellect.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan Dirksen, who attends Springfield Catholic High School, has shown a level of dedication and aptitude for the health sciences that will leave him well prepared to represent Missouri at this Congress. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for his achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank him for representing our district.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF NELSON MANDELA AS PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the anniversary of the inauguration of Nelson Mandela, the President of South Africa, who was a leading antiapartheid revolutionary and philanthropist.

On May 10, 1994, Nelson Mandela, a leading figure in the anti-apartheid movement, was inaugurated as South Africa's first black President.

The inauguration ceremony took place in the Union Buildings amphitheatre in Pretoria, South Africa; and politicians and dignitaries from more than 140 countries around the world were in attendance.

This historic day, for the people of South Africa, signified a monumental shift towards progress and away from hatred for those once treated as second-class citizens.

Nelson Mandela's historic election marked the end of an oppressive apartheid regime.

His inaugural speech, addressing the South African people, called for the continuation of work towards national and social reconciliation.

Jubilant scenes on the streets of Pretoria followed the ceremony as sects of all people celebrated together.

More than 100,000 South African men, women, and children of all races sang and danced with joy.

The crowd went wild when the new President, flanked by First Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Second Deputy President FW de Klerk, appeared on the Botha Lawn.

Ever aware of the past and the history that had brought him to this moment, President Mandela honored his predecessor, President FW de Klerk, by acknowledging the indispensable role he played in South Africa's transformation.

Pursuing human rights through tireless efforts to create a better society, President Mandela's speech thematically echoed the importance of forgiveness for those previously committing many travesties on their brethren before the nation could begin to move forward.

He also spoke of the human disaster that was apartheid, recounting: "We saw our country tear itself apart in terrible conflict . . . The time for healing of wounds has come . . . Never, never again will this beautiful land experience the oppression of one by another."

Even after his term concluded, President Mandela continued to dedicate his life as an advocate for peace and equality in Africa and throughout the world.

The world mourned on December 5, 2013, the day Nelson Mandela passed, surrounded by his family at his Johannesburg home.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in this chamber to honor President Mandela who was freed after enduring 27 years of imprisonment, who nonetheless managed to use his inaugural platform to inspire the world.

President Mandela taught us that we all have the right to be free and the will to be compassionate.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN AND CECIL NICHOLS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marilyn and Cecil Nichols of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 5, 1946, in Council Bluffs.

Marilyn and Cecil's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Linda, Nick, and Diane, nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Marilyn and Cecil on this momentous occasion.

HONORING HAROLD BRADLEY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, over sixty years ago, two brothers who shared a love for music banded together and bought a home on 16th Avenue South in the heart of Nashville. They turned the home into a recording studio and soon after, because of their impact, the neighborhood began its transformation into what is known today as Music Row.

Harold and Owen Bradley built Nashville's first recording and film studio, welcoming legends Patsy Cline and Brenda Lee among others to record the songs we all know and love. A talent in his own right, Harold played on cuts by Elvis Presley, Conway Twitty, Hank Williams, and more. His own albums include, "Misty Guitar", "The Bossa Nova Goes to Nashville", and "Guitar For Lovers Only". Later in his career, Harold became the first president of the Nashville chapter of NARAS and a member of the Grammy organization's Board of Governors. He was awarded the Trustees Award at the 52nd Grammy Awards. A 2006 inductee of the Country Music Hall of

Fame, Harold was part of the original "A Team" of Nashville super pickers, who are collectively members of The Musicians Hall of Fame. Bradley served from 1991–2008 as President of the Nashville Association of Musicians, Local 257 of the American Federation of Musicians, and also was elected as the international vice president until 2010.

Today we celebrate the legend and talent that is Mr. Harold Bradley as he is presented with The Cecile Scaife Visionary Award. This is an award given annually to an individual whose life and work have made it possible for future generations to realize careers in the music industry. In true reflection of this honor, students at the Mike Curb College of Entertainment and Music Business at Belmont University are now using the very studio Mr. Bradley and his brother built, as a working study studio, and one of them will be the recipient of a scholarship in his name under The Cecil Scaife Endowment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me today as we honor and memorialize the life and work of Harold Bradley.

HONORING ANA ROSALINDA GARCIA DE HERNANDEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of the First Lady of Honduras, Ana Rosalinda Garcia de Hernandez, a steadfast advocate for the rights and welfare of unaccompanied migrant children.

First Lady Ana Rosalinda Garcia de Hernandez was born on September 21, 1969 in Tegucigalpa, Municipality of the Central District, Honduras. She is the daughter of Jose Guillermo Garcia Castellanos, a physician; and Carlota Carias Pizzatti. Ms. Garcia de Hernandez received her law degree in legal and social sciences, with distinction, from the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) in 1991.

She met her future husband, Juan Orlando Hernandez, while she was a student. The couple married in 1990, and they have three children: Juan Orlando, Ana Daniela, and Isabella. She and her husband have lived in the United States, where she pursued a Certificate of Graduate Studies in Public Sector Management at the University at Albany, completing her studies in 1995. In 2002, she passed the Lawyer and Public Notary examination from the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras.

The couple first began their social services work in Lempira, Honduras, where they demonstrated their commitment to humanitarian work by aiding the neediest families in that area of the country. In 2006 they began what came to be called "Por Una Vida Mejor" ("For a Better Life"), a pillar of success in the Honduran government's program for families. Vida Mejor emphasizes early childhood education.

While her husband was serving as President of the National Congress from 2010 to 2014, Ms. Garcia Carias initiated, developed, and led social service projects through the Office of Social Development, building "Vida Mejor" into one of the most successful national programs.

First Lady Garcia de Hernandez leads a commission, created by her husband Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez, to help address the crisis of unaccompanied minors leaving Honduras. She has traveled to visit many immigration detention centers in the United States, where she listens to the stories of mothers and children who have taken great risks in search of opportunity. She advocates for the human rights of these migrants and ensures that their experiences are not forgotten. First Lady Garcia de Hernandez is committed to ensuring the welfare of these children in the detention centers as well as their dignified and safe repatriation process.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the First Lady of Honduras Ana Garcia de Hernandez a compassionate leader and devoted servant to her people.

IN RECOGNITION OF JASON O'DONNELL AND VINCENT CINIELLO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jason O'Donnell and Vincent Ciniello for their selfless and heroic actions to save a woman's life. The efforts of Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Ciniello are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

On May 4, 2016, Jason O'Donnell and Vincent Ciniello, along with another Good Samaritan responded to the cries of a woman who had fallen into Wesley Lake in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. After Mr. Ciniello and another person pulled the woman out of the frigid water, Mr. O'Donnell, a former Bayonne firefighter, performed CPR on the unresponsive victim until Asbury Park and Neptune first responders arrived on scene. The woman was transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Ciniello are both employees at public relations firm Kivvit's New Jersey office, located in Asbury Park on the opposite side of the lake where the woman fell. Mr. O'Donnell, a former Assemblyman representing New Jersey's 31st Legislative District, was a long time member of the Bayonne Fire Department, reaching the rank of Captain. Mr. O'Donnell received his Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science from New Jersey City University. His experience and training helped save the woman's life. A 2015 graduate of Rutgers University, Mr. Ciniello embodied his membership in the school's National Honor Society of Leadership and Success with his actions to pull the woman to safety.

Both Jason O'Donnell and Vincent Ciniello have exemplified the meaning of hero with their fearless and brave actions. I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking both of them, along with the other bystanders and the first responders, for their efforts to save a life.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLOTTE AND RON
BENTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Charlotte and Ron Benton of Cumberland, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 29, 1961 in Creston, Iowa.

Charlotte and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Teresa, Terry, Tony, and Todd, and their six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I salute this great couple on their 55th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING MS. REBECCA GODDARD FOR BEING NAMED A PBS LEARNINGMEDIA DIGITAL INNOVATOR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Rebecca Goddard for being named a PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator. This distinction celebrates teachers from across the country who successfully integrate technology into the classroom as part of a dynamic approach to student learning.

Ms. Goddard, or "Becky" as she is known by her colleagues, spends her days challenging the minds of our youngest generation of students at Bostian Elementary School in China Grove, North Carolina. Her unique approach to the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields allows students to engage in these high-demand subject areas while tying into classroom teachings. In her role as a technology facilitator, she is able to work across ages and subjects by engaging students with activities that include Legos, robotics, coding, and more.

As part of her recognition as a Digital Innovator, Ms. Goddard will have the opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities including virtual training sessions, custom PBS LearningMedia resources, and various networking opportunities. She will also travel to Denver, Colorado to attend the PBS LearningMedia Digital Summit and the International Society for Technology in Education conference. I have no doubt that she will use these opportunities to bring back new and innovative ideas to North Carolina.

This year, the Digital Innovators Program had a record number of applicants representing almost every state in the country, making Ms. Goddard's selection even more impressive. As one of the 52 teachers chosen in the program, she joins a special group who is on the cutting edge of classroom tech-

nology. Our community is fortunate to have Ms. Goddard dedicate her time and talents to educating our students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ms. Goddard for being named a PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator and wish her well as she continues to make a positive difference in the lives of her students.

HONORING NORMA HARRIS ON BEING ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF FUTURE PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS AS A DELEGATE TO THE CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neosho High School Student Norma Harris on her being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. Specifically, it's designed for students aspiring to become physicians or medical researchers, and provides a path and mentorship for students to accomplish their goals.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants are either recommended by a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Delegates represent all 50 states plus Puerto Rico, and must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Students like Harris who qualify for this incredibly selective honor exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, as a perennial Honor Roll student at her high school, Norma Harris has displayed elite academic qualifications, which will undoubtedly serve her future aspirations well. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for this achievement. On behalf of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District, I wish Norma the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND ED
CARLSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ed and Janice Carlson on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on February 20th, 1956.

Ed and Janice's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of marriage and I wish them

many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chair, this week the House considers the National Defense Authorization Act, and I rise to recognize the Armed Services Committee for its actions to expand paid parental leave for thousands of service members.

On the heels of Secretary Carter's expansion of paid maternity leave to 12 weeks, this bill will increase parental leave to 14 days and also grant paid leave for adoptive parents.

This is real progress, but we cannot leave out the more than 2.5 million non-military federal employees who still lack any paid parental leave.

As the Pentagon recognizes, the lack of paid leave for new parents threatens the government's ability to recruit and retain a talented, productive workforce.

I am encouraged by the DOD's updated family leave policy, and hope that we can work in Congress to guarantee this essential workplace right for all federal employees.

7TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END
OF THE WAR IN SRI LANKA

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka. The Government of Sri Lanka won the war to keep the Sinhalese and Tamil communities within one country, but has not yet won the peace. A new president and a new government in 2015 have led to hopes that a different path will be trod towards a plural state in which all religions and ethnicities may live with dignity and security.

The leaders of the new government have made many ambitious promises to advance toward the goal of a stable and prosperous future for all. Now is the time to turn those promises into concrete action. The US, must assist and support in any way we can, but we must also keep incentives in place such as conditions on military and other aid until the government has accomplished real reform.

The government of Sri Lanka has made commitments on transitional justice and accountability, a political settlement of the ethnic

problem, security sector reform, the return of land, the release of Tamil political prisoners, actions to end human rights violations and other ambitious reforms. Unfortunately, not enough improvement has yet been seen by the Tamils, Christians and Muslims who feel marginalized and discriminated against. Courageous leadership is needed to gain trust if reconciliation is the goal, not just promises. Now is the time for real action.

HONORING LESLIE ANN MILLER
AND RICHARD B. WORLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie Ann Miller and Richard B. Worley. Ms. Miller and Mr. Worley, married in 1987, are the deserving recipients of the Union League of Philadelphia's 2016 Crystal Award. The Crystal Award is presented to a person of distinction who by their actions has gained community or national prominence in the arts, or for their humanitarian efforts.

Leslie Ann Miller is a Philadelphia attorney and was the first woman to be elected President of The Pennsylvania Bar Association. A practicing litigator for more than 25 years, she has also served as an advisor to Mayor Michael Nutter in Philadelphia and General Counsel to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell.

Ms. Miller is active in a wide variety of non-profit and cultural and organizations in Philadelphia and the East Coast. She served as acting President of The Kimmel Center when it opened in 2001; she chaired the Board of Trustees at Mount Holyoke College; currently chairs the Art Museum Board at Colonial Williamsburg and recently chaired the Philadelphia 2016 Flower Show. She is a member of the Boards of: The Philadelphia Museum of Art; Penn Medicine; Temple Law School; The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; The Committee of Seventy and The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance.

A cum laude graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Ms. Miller received an MA from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, a JD from The Dickinson School of Law and an LLM with honors from Temple University's School of Law.

Richard B. Worley is Managing Partner of Permit Capital LLC which he founded in 2002. He began his career in 1970 as an economist at Goldman Sachs. In 1978 he joined Miller Anderson and Sherrerd, an independent investment management firm in the Philadelphia area. At MAS he was elected Partner in 1980 and Chairman in 1988, a position he held until the firm was acquired by Morgan Stanley in 1996. At Morgan Stanley he served in several capacities including as President and CEO of Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Mr. Worley holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree from The University of Tennessee.

Currently, Mr. Worley is the Chairman of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, a position he has held since 2009. He is also a member of the board of directors of Neuberger Beriman, a global investment management company headquartered in New York City, a member of the American Philosophical Society and a director at Philadelphia Media Network.

Mr. Worley is a former trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Medicine, the National Constitution Center and he is a former director of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Independence Seaport Museum and the mutual funds board of Putnam Investments.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring two incredibly deserving individuals: Leslie Ann Miller and Richard B. Worley. I congratulate them on their award and thank them for their years of service to our community.

HONORING OFFICER RICARDO
GALVEZ DURING NATIONAL PO-
LICE WEEK

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week, a time to salute the courageous men and women who serve in our police forces, and to pay tribute to the brave officers we have lost.

In my district, we continue to honor and celebrate the life and achievements of Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez, who was shot and killed last November. I never had the opportunity to meet Officer Galvez—or Ricky, as he was called by those who knew him—but I have been deeply impressed to hear of his patriotism as a United States Marine, his work ethic, his dedication to service as a Downey policeman, his generosity, and his infectious smile.

His memory will live on not just in the hearts of his friends and family, but on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

During National Police Week, it was my privilege to attend Sunday's National Peace Officers' Memorial Service honoring Ricky and the many other police officers who lost their lives in 2015. Also in attendance were Ricky's family and many of his fellow Downey police officers. The ceremony was a solemn event and a reminder of the sacrifice police officers, like Officer Ricardo Galvez, and their families make to keep our communities safe.

On behalf of myself and the communities I represent, I salute all our law enforcement officers and thank them for their service.

OVERSIGHT OF THE STATE DE-
PARTMENT'S COUNTERTER-
RORISM BUREAU

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, nearly two years after the President vowed to "degrade and ultimately destroy" ISIS, the terrorists are still holding their sanctuary in Iraq and Syria. Foreign fighters are still flocking to ISIS' so-called caliphate to fight alongside the terrorist group and tyrannize local populations.

But ISIS has not stopped there. In 2015, ISIS significantly stepped up its attacks outside Iraq and Syria. From the Charlie Hebdo

attack last January to the attack last May at the Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas, ISIS has illustrated its dangerous capability to strike outside of its territory. The bloody year was finally capped off with the tragic massacre in Paris that left 130 people dead. Then came the attacks in Brussels only two months ago. ISIS suicide bombers killed 32 people and wounded over 300 in the heart of the European Union. The attacks showed the world that despite a year of pulling off these coordinated attacks, ISIS' appetite for carnage and its ability to strike have not abated.

Besides the looming threat of ISIS, terrorism has continued to plague countries the world over. Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Bangladesh. These are just a few countries facing serious and destabilizing terrorist threats. In fact, more people were killed by terrorists in 2014 than ever before. There was an 80 percent increase in terrorist-related deaths in 2014 compared to 2013. Yet in the midst of this struggle against terrorism, the Administration wants to cut the main anti-terrorism account by 25 percent while increasing a general foreign aid account by 41 percent.

The State Department's Counter-Terrorism Bureau is not saved from this cut. In fact, State Department wants 31 percent less dollars for 2017 than 2016 for the CT Bureau. That budget request does not match the Administration's rhetoric that countering terrorism is a top priority.

Originally set up as an office back in 1972 in response to the terrorist attack at the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, the primary mission of the Bureau for Counterterrorism is to forge partnerships with non-state actors, multilateral organizations, and foreign governments to advance the counterterrorism objectives and national security of the United States. Under that broad mission it has five principal responsibilities: 1) countering violent extremism; 2) capacity building; 3) counterterrorism diplomacy; 4) U.S. counterterrorism strategy and operations; and 5) homeland security coordination.

As the Bureau has grown in size, it has struggled to keep up with evaluating its programs to see if they really work. Even though the Bureau accepts the idea that it should be spending 3 to 5 percent of program resources on monitoring and evaluation, it has no way of tracking how much was actually spent so it can know if it is meeting that goal. Over the last 5 years, the Bureau has completed 5 evaluations. It needs to be doing more. It also needs to be doing better evaluations. The Bureau should do an impact evaluation to see if its project really made any difference. The Bureau should go back a year or longer after a project is completed to see if that project made a lasting difference.

This year, the Bureau is putting strong emphasis on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE). Even as it faces a 31 percent cut, the Bureau wants to set up a new office, hire more staff, and expand its CVE programs. But CVE, which the Administration hails as a "pillar" of its counterterrorism strategy, has never even been evaluated by the Bureau. A GAO study stated that while the Bureau has promised to evaluate CVE since 2012 it still has not evaluated it. I'm glad to hear the Bureau finally has plans in the works to evaluate CVE, but if this evaluation was done years ago, we could be a lot more confident the new dollars going to CVE would be well spent.

In January, the State Department announced the establishment of another office, the Global Engagement Center (GEC). Outside of the CT Bureau, it is tasked with coordinating messaging that delegitimizes violent extremists. It is not yet clear how the Bureau will engage and coordinate with the GEC or how it will not duplicate efforts.

A big part of countering violent extremism is winning the battle online, especially over social media. ISIS has been able to recruit over 20,000 foreign fighters, from more than 90 different countries, partly because of the organization's use of social media. In 2011, the White House acknowledged terrorists' use of social media to spread hate and promised a strategy to prevent online radicalization. Five years later, we are still waiting. In a time of limited resources and dangerous terrorist threats; we cannot afford to waste any dollars. Our national security depends on it.

It is clear that terror attacks are on the rise. Despite the Administration's so-called progress at winning back territory in Iraq and Syria, terrorists successfully conduct deadly attacks worldwide. ISIS and Al Qaeda affiliates continue to grow deeper roots in local communities thanks in large part to their use of social media. Now more than ever is a time to be vigilant about our counterterrorism efforts. The Department of State's role in this fight is not to be taken lightly. We need to make sure these programs are effective at combatting radicalization and the threat of terrorist attacks. The State Department must prioritize the monitoring and evaluation of their programs and ensure that lessons from such evaluations are implemented in a timely manner. We must develop a better understanding of what is working and what is not. The safety of Americans and our allies depends on it.

And that's just the way it is.

SUPPORT EN BLOC AMENDMENTS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the En Bloc Amendment package Number 2 offered by Chairman THORNBERRY. I want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member SMITH for including my amendment, marked as Sewell Amendment Number 34, in this package.

My amendment is a very simple one that not only promotes our continued efforts to increase training and readiness in the area of cybersecurity but also helps encourage and promote the critically important pipelines between our senior military colleges, local educational agencies and ROTC programs. The need for improvement in the area of cybersecurity is increasingly apparent. Over the past several years, there has been a sharp increase in the number of cyberattacks that threaten our national security and economic stability. This bill seeks to address this emerging threat by establishing ROTC cyber institutes at our senior military colleges. My amendment simply allows for these cyber institutes to place a special emphasis on entering into partnerships with local educational agencies that service rural, underserved, or underrepresented communities.

Our nation's ROTC programs around the country help provide students with invaluable character education and promote student achievement, leadership, and diversity. These cooperative efforts between our military branches and local educational institutions help produce successful students and citizens. In particular, in rural and underserved communities, like the ones I represent in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, ROTC programs not only provide the critically important tools to be successful academically and socially, but also represent an opportunity to improve their social mobility and expand their world beyond their communities.

The outcomes of these programs are both apparent and convincing. They help increase the odds of students graduating high school, finding employment, going to college and becoming an even more productive member of society. The new ROTC cyber institutes established in this legislation are a perfect symbiosis between a program with a proven track record and an emerging national security threat that will require recruitment and training of the best and brightest from ALL walks of life.

Again I want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for supporting this common sense yet critically important amendment. This is a win for everyone involved.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

Business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Defense Appropriations".

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the multi-stakeholder plan for transitioning the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine debt versus equity, focusing on corporate integration considerations.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States-India relations, focusing on balancing progress and managing expectations.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal.

SD-538

11 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security

Business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

SD-138

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2919, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide greater flexibility to States in carrying out the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program and employing local veterans' employment representatives, S. 2896, to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, S. 2888, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, S. 2883, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the requirement of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans, S. 2679, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits, S. 2520, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children, S. 2487, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary, S. 2049, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for non-Department medical professionals who treat veterans and family members of veterans to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, an original bill to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original bill to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill to expand eligibility for hospital care and medical services under section 101

of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include veterans in receipt of health services under the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for rural veterans.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the definition of Waters of the United States.

SD-406

MAY 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy

To hold hearings to examine international cybersecurity strategy, focusing on deterring foreign threats and building global cyber norms.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2834, to improve the Governmentwide management of unnecessarily duplicative Government programs and for other purposes, S. 1378, to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government, S. 2849, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information, S. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect unpaid interns in the Federal Government from workplace harassment and discrimination, S. 461, to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, S. 2852, to expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, H.R. 4902, to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations, S. 2465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street in Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office, S. 2891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 North Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the "Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building", H.R. 136, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the "Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office", H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale

Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the "Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building", H.R. 2928, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the "Harold George Bennett Post Office", H.R. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Mentheur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Daryle Holloway Post Office Building", H.R. 3274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the "Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office", H.R. 3601, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building", H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3866, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the "First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building", H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office, H.R. 4605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the "Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building", an original bill entitled, "DHS Accountability Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Biodefense Strategy Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Disaster Management Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "District of Columbia Judicial Financial Transparency and Courts Improvement Act", an original bill entitled, "National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2016", an original bill entitled, "Grant Reform and New Transparency Act of 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016".

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine improvements in hurricane forecasting and the path forward.

SR-253

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the transformative impact of robots and automation.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, focusing on Administration perspectives.

SD-538

4:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on trafficking in persons, focusing on preparing the 2016 annual report.

S-116

MAY 26

9 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine cartels and the United States heroin epidemic, focusing on combating drug violence and the public health crisis.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine a review of the United States livestock and poultry sectors, focusing on marketplace opportunities and challenges.

SH-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting America from the threat of ISIS.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's 7(a) loan guaranty program.

SR-428A

JUNE 8

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.

SD-124